

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 312

Introduced by Coash, 27; Campbell, 25.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study issues surrounding the child protective services (CPS) system within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The roles of law enforcement, county attorneys, and CPS staff in potential child abuse and neglect cases;

(2) The effectiveness of the CPS hotline;

(3) The procedures used by CPS staff to screen reports of child abuse and neglect including the process used to determine voluntary cases;

(4) The process by which information is shared between state and local agencies and officials;

(5) Training procedures for front-line responders in potential child abuse and neglect cases;

(6) The impact of DHHS efforts to reduce the percentage of children removed from their homes; and

(7) The State Child and Maternal Death Review Team, as amended by passage of LB 361, including its membership, role, and reporting requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.